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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. DURING HIRC MARK-UP OPEN SESSION MAY 4 AND IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, DEPARTMENT OFFICER CONFIRMED THAT ADMINISTRATION THOUGHT TURKISH F-4 PROGRAM WAS VERY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF TURKEY'S CONTRIBUTION TO NATO; WE WERE ANXIOUS TO SEE PROGRAM GO FORWARD. LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION SUGGESTED BY ADMINISTRATION WAS ONE MEANS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO ACCOMPLISH THIS OBJECTIVE. IF CONGRESS DID NOT ACCEPT THIS ROUTE, WE INTENDED IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF F-4'S TO WORK WITH TURKS TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES IN ORDER TO CONTINUE PROGRAM ON BASIS COMBINATION OF FMS AND COMMERCIAL CONTRACT(S). END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. FYI ONLY. SENATE FOREIGN RELA-

TIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE DURING MARK-UP MEETING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AFTERNOON MAY 4 RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF DOLS 175 MILLION FMS CREDIT LEVEL FOR TURKEY AND DOLS 175 MILLION ASSISTANCE FOR GREECE OF WHICH DOLS

35 MILLION IN GRANT AID. SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDED DELETION OF ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL FOR ADJUSTMENT OF FMS CEILING TO COVER F-4 PROGRAM SINCE SALE COULD TAKE PLACE ON COMMERCIAL BASIS. MEMBERS OF SUBCOMMITTEE NOTED THAT SINCE SECTION 620(X) PROVISIONS CONTINUED IN EFFECT, THERE APPEARED TO BE NO NEED FOR SECTION 15 SUB-SECTION C OF DRAFT ADMINISTRATION BILL (REFTEL). DEPART-MENT OFFICER CONFIRMED THAT ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT OBJECT TO MODIFICATION OF REFERENCE TO US-TURKEY DCA SINCE WE HAD ASKED FOR NO CHANGES IN SECTION 620(X) CONDITIONS. SECTION 620(X) WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED WHEN ADMINISTRATION URGED CONGRESS TO TAKE ACTION ON TURKISH DCA. IT WAS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT DOD WOULD SEEK TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ORDER FACILITATE COMMERCIAL CON-TRACTING OF F-4'S. SEN. JAVITS SAID HE WOULD INCLUDE PARAGRAPH IN COMMITTEE'S REPORT NOTING IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING NATO'S SOUTHEASTERN FLANK AND EXPRESSING (A) HOPE THAT GREEK MILITARY FORCES WILL BE ABLE TO RE-TURN FULLY TO NATO AND (B) APPRECIATION THAT TURKEY HAS REMAINED IN ALLIANCE. SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HUMPHREY SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS IDEA WITH SEN. SARBANES WHO WOULD COLLABORATE WITH JAVITS ON LANGUAGE FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT. SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING DOLS 10 MILLION IN SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE FOR CYPRUS. CONFIDENTIAL

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